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## Message from the Director...

Library. 1 (a.) A place in which literary and artistic materials, such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, records, and tapes, are kept for reading, reference, or lending.

This according to the American Heritage Dictionary, is the traditional definition of a library. For years, public libraries throughout the nation have been expanding on this old definition to bring increasingly diverse services to their communities. At the Secaucus Public Library and Business Resource Center, we strive to balance our traditional mission of collecting and lending books and other materials with new services and free programs for our entire community, including public Internet access, seminars for job seekers, art classes, children's events, concerts, weekly movie screening, and much more!

This newsletter is intended to highlight our special programs on quarterly basis, and I'm proud to be able to launch it in time for our National Library Week celebrations in mid-April. I hope you'll celebrate with us by attending an event, browsing our book sale, or simply stopping by to pick up a good book. I look forward to seeing you this spring!

- Jenifer May, Director



## Celebrate National Library Week, April 12 - 18

National Library Week is an annual celebration of our nation's libraries. Join us for special events throughout the week.

### Used Book Sale

**Friday, April 17, Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19**

Buy a bag for \$2 and fill it up as much as you can!

### Decorate Your Home Like a Professional

**Wednesday, April 15 @ 7 pm**

Professional decorator Carrie Oesmann will teach you the basics of home decorating. Learn the tricks of the trade, special techniques, and more!

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library*

### Art Workshop for Adults

**Thursday, April 16 @ 7 pm - space is limited, please register**

Work with professional artist Ibou Ndoye to learn the technique of painting on glass. All supplies will be provided.

### Jungle of Jersey, Science Show for Kids

**Thursday, April 16 @ 3:30 pm, ages 5-12**

Join us as we learn about everyday science by telling this tale of animal adventure using smoke rings, disappearing water, flying eggs, and sound effects directly from the "Jungle" itself. With help from friends both old and new along the way, see if we can make it through the Jungle of Jersey... before rush hour!

## Library Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 am - 9:00 pm**

**Saturday**  
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Sunday**  
**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Upcoming**  
**Holiday Closings**

**Good Friday, April 10**

**Easter, April 12**

**Memorial Day**  
**Weekend, May 23-25**

## Programs for Adults



### City Winds Trio

**Sunday, April 26 @ 2 pm**

Join the City Winds Trio as they perform an afternoon of classical music featuring flute, oboe, and piano. The trio will perform favorite works from Vivaldi, Bach, Dring, and Rossini's famous William Tell's overture.

For more information and to listen to some samples, visit <http://www.citywindstrio.com>

### Cellist, E. Zoe Hassman

**Sunday, May 17 @ 2 pm**

She is the principal cellist for New York city's Dicapo Opera Theatre, Bronx Concert Singers, and the Metropolitan Repertory Ballet Company. She is solo cellist for the All Season Chamber Players and the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, as well as playing on Broadway. She has played for the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the New York City Opera Orchestra, and the Westchester Chamber Orchestra.



### Parenting 'n Pizza: Dinner Workshops for Parents

We all want our children to do their best in school. The library is offering a **two-night, two-part** program for parents and caregivers to learn the best ways to help their children succeed.

Provided by the Statewide Parenting Advocacy Network, the "Strengthening Families" program will help parents foster positive attitudes towards school and homework. Learn special techniques to set goals and objectives for your child. No more arguments over homework again!

**No babysitter? No problem!** The library will entertain your children, aged 3 and up, with a movie and games while you attend the program. Dinner provided for all attendees and their children.

**Monday, April 20 and Monday, April 27 Dinner @ 6:15 pm - Program @ 7-8 pm**

**Registration is required and limited to 30 adults.**

### Resume Writing Workshop

**Monday, April 6 @ 7 pm**

Presented by Hania Qubein who has a wealth of experience as a human resources manager and professional consultant, will be leading a 2 hour resume class for residents looking to craft or polish their resumes. Bring rough drafts, nearly-finished copies and all your resume writing questions! This program is limited to twenty participants; pre-registration is essential.



### Tuesday Movies

**Tuesdays @ 2 pm**

Join us each Tuesday for a new movie in the Panasonic meeting room. Refreshments will be served. Check our website or local papers for the month's upcoming films.



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# Programs Continued

## Employment Law 101

Thursday, May 7 @ 7 pm

Whether you are a business owner, employer or employee, this seminar is sure to give you insights into current labor laws, and how they pertain to you. Clear, understandable information will be presented by Lisa Curry, esq. Get your questions answered by an expert in the field.



## Essential Skills for Job Seekers

Wednesday, April 22 @ 7 pm

Sandra Lopez, human resources manager and trainer, will offer expert advice on finding, applying for, and getting a great new job! Ms. Lopez will discuss proper etiquette for job-seekers, how to make your application stand out (even if you're filling out a basic form) and how to make a great impression during the interview.

Sign up early; this program is sure to fill up fast!

## Learn How to Start Your Own Support Group

Thursday, April 23 @ 7 pm

Self-help groups offer people who face a common problem the opportunity to meet with others and share their experiences, knowledge and strength. If you are interested in starting a self-help group, the NJ Self-Help Clearinghouse help you begin, give you the basics and advice needed to start a successful support group.



## Needleworkers Roundtable

Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidering, quilting, and needlepoint projects! Enjoy good conversation and share your work.

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 pm

## Photography Club

This group focuses on the art of photography. Whether you are experienced or novice, all are welcome to participate. Bring work to class.

4th Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm



## Book Discussion Groups

We invite readers to meet informally to discuss a different book each month. The library will supply the copies of the selected book. Ask at the front desk for the current title.

### Afternoon Book Group

2nd Monday of the month  
1:00 pm

### Evening Book Group

3rd Thursday of the month - 7:00 pm  
*Please contact the Director if you are interested in the Evening Book Group.*



## TEENS

### Be a Reading Buddy

3rd Friday of the month  
3:30-4:00 pm

Sign up to be a Buddy and read with children 3-7 years old. Help local children for only 30 minutes a month. Great volunteering experience!



## SPRING BREAK FUN

### Teen Craft & Games

Friday, April 24

11:00am-12:30 pm, Grades 6-12

Stop in to make a glass magnets, play DDR and board games. Snacks too!

### Teen Movie

Wednesday, April 22

7:00-8:30 pm, Grades 6-12

*High School Musical 3 (G)*



# Programs and Events for Children

## The Jungle of Jersey Science Show

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## Plant a Pinwheel in the Children's Reading Garden

Saturday, April 11

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. To show your support and promote awareness about preventing child abuse, the library invites you to stop in and plant a pinwheel in the Children's Reading Garden. The pinwheels represent a commitment to a healthy, happy childhood for all children.

## School's Out Special

Tuesday, April 21 @ 10:00 - 11:00 am

**Ages 5 and up, please register**

Spring time craft and games

Thursday, April 23 @ 12:30-2:00 pm

**Ages 5 and up, please register**

Afternoon movie, *The Tale of Despereaux* (G)  
Juice and snacks will be served!



## Piggy Banking for Kids

Thursday, May 7 @ 3:30 pm

**Grades 1-3, please register**

Learn all about saving and using a bank! TD Bank will teach little ones the basics of banking and the value of saving money! TD Bank goody bags for all attendees.

## Extended Story Hour Year End Celebration

Saturday, June 6 @ 9:00 am

**Arthur F. Couch Performing Arts Center**

For family and friends of the students in the Extended Story Hour program, join us to celebrate their achievement!



## Lap-Tots

10:00-10:30 am

1st and 3rd Fridays

**Ages birth - 2 1/2 years**

An interactive program for babies and their caregivers with rhymes, songs, instruments, puppets and more! **Registration is required.**



## Rhyme Time

1:00-2:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday

**Ages 2 1/2 - 3 years**

A program for children and their caregivers that brings together stories, music, creativity, and socialization skills. **Registration is required.**

## Extended Story Hour

9:15-11:00 am, Mon. & Wed. - Tues. & Thurs.

**Ages 3 - 3 1/2**

The purpose of the Extended Story Hour program is to introduce children to the wonderful world of libraries. This program will help children develop good listening, social, and motor skills, gain separation from their caregivers, and interact with their peers.

**Registration is required.**

Fall registration is the last two weeks of June from 9am-5pm. Call for program requirements.

## Chess Club for Kids

3:30 - 5:00 pm, ages 7-12

3rd Thursday of the month

Join the Chess Club, learn to play the game and challenge others! Instructor: Peter Croce



## Reading Buddies

3:30 - 4:00 pm, ages 3-7

3rd Friday of the month

Bring your children to the library to be read to by middle and high school volunteers. The students will read to your children and give you a chance to browse through the library.



## Friends of the Library

Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Friends of the Library Mini-Fair and Book Sale  
**Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am-3:00 pm** (rain date: Sunday, September 27, 11:00 am-4:00 pm)  
 If you would like to volunteer or be a vendor, please contact the library.

**Call for new members!** We are always looking for new Friends to support the library through their various programs, fundraising efforts, and community outreach.

Memberships begin at \$3.00 Want more information? Contact the library today!

### Free Museum Pass for Families



The library now offers a family pass to the **American Museum of Natural History** for Secaucus residents.

**Two adults and up to four children may visit for free!**

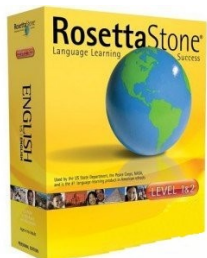
- The pass is available through first come, first served reservations.
- You must be at least 18 years old and hold a Secaucus Library card in good standing in order to use the pass.
- Deposits are required.
- For more information, contact the office of the Director

**Donated by the Friends of the Secaucus Library**

### Literacy Link by Louise Rittberg, Literacy Coordinator

The library's Literacy Program matches volunteer tutors with students requiring help with basic reading or with learning the nuances of the English language. The requirements for becoming a tutor are a good command of the English language and being committed to helping others succeed in reaching their goals. Tutors are asked to provide a minimum of one hour a week to the program. They are given guidance on how to best accommodate the students they tutor, depending on the individual learners' needs.

Also available at the library are the three levels of the Rosetta Stone Learning Program in English. An appointment should be made for a first-time user to register on the Rosetta Stone site, while subsequent uses of the program require only an appointment for a study room on the second floor. Individuals wishing to volunteer as a tutor, or those in need of the Literacy Program's services, should contact Literacy Coordinator Louise Rittberg on Mondays, from noon to 9 pm; Tuesdays, from 9 am-6 pm and Thursdays, from 10 am-2 pm.



### April Jellybean Contest

Stop by the library and guess how many jellybeans are in the jar! Closest without going over wins the jellybeans.



### Did you Know...

- In 2008, 154,359 items were borrowed from our library
- For 2008, the average Secaucus library card borrowed \$518 worth of materials
- We offer free wireless internet
- You can use your library card 75+ public libraries throughout Hudson, Bergen, Passaic and Essex counties
- You can access over 5 million items from our online catalog, order them right from home and we will call you when they arrive, usually 2-3 days later

### World Language Collection

The library is expanding its world language collection. Adult books are available in Korean, Hindi, Gujarati, and Spanish. Children's books are available in Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Hindi.

Search the library's World Language Online Catalog in your native language  
<http://www.worldlanguagecatalog.org>

# Your Library is Open 24/7

**Even though we may be closed, the door to information is always open!**



If you're always looking for something good to read try **Novelist**. Novelist is a readers' advisory service that provides access to over 155,000 adult, children's and young adult fiction titles, in addition to a plethora of literature-related content. Find author read-alikes, book discussion guides, reading lists, and describe-a-plot, which allows users to enter a few keywords to find books that fit the description.

To log on to **Novelist**, visit [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org) and click on *Magazines, Newspapers, and Reference Resources* located in the upper left-hand corner.

Next, click on Ebsco, enter your library card number (if accessing from outside the library).

Now that you have found a great book to read, use our online library catalog. From [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org), click on the catalog box.

Place a keyword search, highlighting Secaucus. If the item is in our library, it will show an outlined blue box including its call number and show it as either available, checked out or in transit. If it is available, please visit the library to pick it up or call us and we will hold it for you at the front desk.

If the item is not owned by the Secaucus library, checked out or in transit, you may place a loan request by clicking on the "view all library holdings and/or place a request for this book." Type in your library card number, fill in your phone or email address and you will be notified when the item arrives, usually 2-3 days later.

If you are still unsure of how to use the library catalog, go to [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org). Below the catalog search box is a link "How to Request and Item from the BCCLS Catalog" you can watch a short demo showing you how to search and place a loan.

## Tumblebooks E-Books for Kids

Tumblebooks is a collection of animated children's picture books only available through our website. Stories are animated, read aloud, with sound effects and set to music. There are hundreds of books to choose from including those in several other languages such as Spanish, French and Chinese. There are book report creators, reading comprehension games, and teacher resources. To try Tumblebooks, go to our website <http://secaucus.bccls.org> and click on the Tumblebooks logo.



## Get Live Help 24/7 from Q and A NJ

Q and A NJ is a service provided by the New Jersey Library Network, to help you get answers any time and any where you have internet access. When you visit [qandanj.org](http://qandanj.org) you are connected to a real-live professional librarian 24 hours a day, seven days per week. When you are in a session, the librarian will chat with you and using a co-browser, answer your questions by sending you websites and other information. The librarians will quickly offer accurate, unbiased information from databases and other web-based resources. Try [qandanj.org](http://qandanj.org) the next time you need help and the library is closed.

**It's free - all you need is your library card number!**



## Recommended Reading and More!

### BOOKS FOR GREEN LIVING

*Green Living Handbook: a 6 Step Program to Create an Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle* by David Gerson

*The Everything Green Living Book* by Diane McDilda

*Farewell, my Subaru: an Epic Adventure in Local Living* by Doug Fine

*True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business* by Kim McKay

*True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet* by Kim McKay

### Go Green @Your Library

- Support the Secaucus Public Library and the environment! Purchase an eco-bag at the library; use it to carry books and when shopping. **\$2 ea.**



- Save paper and view our newsletter on our website  
<http://secaucus.bccls.org>

### Put Some Spring into Your Reading

*Death at the Spring Plant Sale: a Gardening Mystery* by Ann Ripley

*Come the Spring* by Julie Garwood

*Spring is in the Air* by Jane Orcutt

*Winter Turns to Spring* by Catherine Palmer

*Big as Life: Three Tales for Spring* by Maureen Howard

*Goddess of Spring* by P.C. Cast

*Spring Collection* by Judith Krantz

*A Promise of Spring* by Kim Sawyer

*The Springs of Affection: Stories of Dublin* by Maeve Brennan

*Death at Springtime: a Florentine Mystery* by Magdalen Nabb

*Younger than Springtime* by Andrew Greeley

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

*On Guerrilla Gardening: a Handbook for Gardening without Boundaries* by Richard Reynolds

*Success with Sun-Loving Plants* by Graham Clarke

*Learn to Garden* by Guy Barter

*Vegetable Gardening: from Planting to Picking* by Jane Courtier

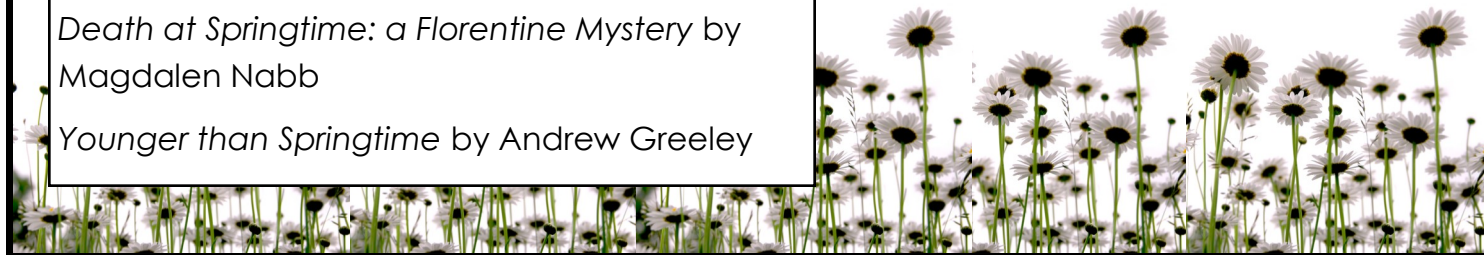
*Flower Gardening 1-2-3* by John Holms

*Small Space Gardening* by Peter Loewer

*Giant Book of Garden Solutions: 1,954*

*Natural Remedies to Handle Your*

*Toughest Garden Problems* by Jerry Baker



## Do you have a PIN yet?

When you have a PIN (personal identification number) you can check your library account wherever you have internet access at any time.

- **Renew items from home**
- **See the status of items you have requested**
- **See the status of items you are on hold for**
- **See any fines on your account**

To get a PIN, ask a librarian at the front desk the next time you visit the library. All you need to do is supply us with a four-digit number.

To use your PIN, log on to our website and click on *Check Your Library Card*, then enter your library card number and your PIN.

## Do you Open Borrow? A little green sticker is a powerful thing.

Open Borrowing is a program that allows you to visit over 150 public libraries in northern New Jersey to check out and return items in-person. The libraries that participate in Open Borrowing are:

- BCCLS (Bergen County Cooperative Library System)
- LMxAC (Libraries Of Middlesex Automation Consortium)
- M.A.I.N. (Morris Automated Information Network)
- PALS (Passaic Library System)
- SWELL (Sussex Warren Electronic Lending Libraries)



The next time you visit the Secaucus Public Library, ask for a 'little green sticker' to be put on your library card. It's your key to the Open Borrowing network and over 10 million items!

For more information and a full listing of participating libraries visit [www.openborrowing.org](http://www.openborrowing.org)

### Contact Us

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<http://secaucus.bccls.org>

Jenifer D. May, Director

### Board of Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm

### Artist of the Month

**April** Ibou Ndoye  
**May** Simran Rajani  
**June** Diana Albert

Please view their work in the  
Panasonic Meeting Room.

### Visit Our Website

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Find a wealth of information on our website. Use the online catalog, check your card, view upcoming programs and events, reference resources, register for programs, log on to our databases, find homework help links for children and teens, and much more!

**New events and features are  
being added all the time  
so check our site often!**